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1. U.S.-CUBA RELATION EVENTS IN U.S. CONGRESS: RECEIVES MODERATE INSIDE STRAIGHT NEWS PLAY OF WIRE-SERVICE STORIES. NO COMMENTARIES SO FAR.

A. INSIDE PLAY GIVEN YESTERDAY TO FOUR CONGRESSMENS' BILL FOR NORMALIZING U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS. SAMPLE PLAY IS ONE COLUMN HEADLINE HEADLINE ON PAGE 12 OF APRIL 23 CONSERVATIVE JORNAL DA TARDE (SAO PAULO): " A BILL FOR NEW U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS."

B. JAVITS' AMEMNDMENT: ALL PLAY SO FAR IS INSIDE. SAMPLES: UNSOURCED WIRE-SERVICE STORY ON PAGE 16 OF APRIL 24 INFLUENTIAL O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CARRIES TWO-COLUMN HEADLINE "U.S. SENATE STUDIES REVISION OF ANTI-CUBA POLICY"; TWO-COLUMN HEADLINE OVER UPI STORY ON PAGE 7 OF APRIL 24 CORREIO BRAZILIENSE (LEADING PAPER IN CAPITAL) SAYS "U.S. TO REVISE ITS POLICY ON CUBA"; TWO COLUMN HEADLINE ON PAGE 8 OF APRIL 24 INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO) STORY CREDITED TO UPI AND AFP READS, "JAVITS ASKS DIFFERENT POLICY."

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2. OTHER COVERAGE TOUCHES ON ASPECTS OF CUBA DEBATE

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AT OAS. SAMPLES: JORNAL DA TARDE APRIL 23 CARRIED FRONT-
PAGE BANNER -- "OAS: THERE IS A CAMPAIGN FOR THE RETURN
OF CUBA"; INSIDE STORY RELATED TO THAT HEADLINE IS
STRAIGHT NEWS STORY ON VENEZUELA'S PLAN TO RENEW RELATIONS
WITH CUBA AND CUBA POLICIES OF MEXICO AND BARBADOS.
TWO COMMENTARIES:

A. COLUMNIST LUIZ FERREIRA LIMA IN APRIL 23 PRO-GOB
DIARIO DE SAO PAULO TAKES A RELATIVELY LIBERAL LINE THAT
IT WOULD BE OKAY TO HAVE CUBA BACK IN THE OAS, SO LONG
AS IT PROMISED TO DISCONTINUE ITS ATTACKS ON DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNMENTS. HE SAYS: " NOTHING SHOULD PREVENT THE RETURN
OF CUBA TO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, BUT
EVERYTHING SHOULD PREVENT IT FROM DECLARING, IN THE NAME
OF DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM OF ACTION AGAINST DEMOCRACY."

B. COLUMNIST BENEDITO COUTINHO IN APRIL 24 CORREIO BRA-
ZILIENSE ANALYZES POSSIBILITY OF READMISSION OF CUBA TO
ACTIVE OAS MEMBERSHIP, AND DECIDES THAT THERE WOULD BE
MAXIMUM OF SIX VOTES IN FAVOR -- BECAUSE THE PRO-CUBA
FACTION IS MOST VOCAL AND THE ANTI-CUBA FACTION IS A
SORT OF "SILENT MAJORITY."

3. GOB FONMIN'S STATEMENTS ON CHINA AND KISSINGER: TOP
HEADLINES MANY BRAZILIAN PAPERS TODAY GIVEN TO COVERAGE ON
STATEMENT BY FONMIN AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA. HE ANNOUNCED
COMMUNIST CHINESE TRADE MISSION EXPECTED IN BRAZIL IN
AUGUST AND THAT "DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (WITH PEKING) IS A
MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE." FONMIN ALSO AN-
NOUNCED THAT SECSTATE KISSINGER WOULD VISIT BRAZIL IN
SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

4. EBERLE VISIT: NEWS COVERAGE REMAINED LIGHT TODAY.
ONLY ESSENTIAL COVERAGE APPEARED ON INSIDE PAGE
O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, WHICH CARRIED FULL COLUMN OF
STRAIGHTFORWARD BACKGROUND ON EBERLE MISSION, WITH SOME
EMPHASIS ON HIS STATEMENTS IN SANTIAGO, CHILE. NO COMMENTARIES.
CORREIO BRAZILIENSE ALSO CARRIED FULL-COLUMN
BACKGROUNDER.
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